



Team Champions Competition

What is the Team Champions event?

The Team Champions event is a point accumulation event designed to foster team building between students and different schools. It combines the success of individual competitors and their teammates to determine which team will score the highest number of points during the Tournament. Team members scores points for their team by winning a trophy in any individual event.

The Team with the highest amount of cumulative points is declared Team Champions and each team member recognized and each personally awarded a special team trophy.

How does it work?

A team is made up of 5 competitors entered into any number of events. Any schools participating in this year's tournament may enter one or more teams. Competitors from different schools may also form a team.

Teams choose their own Team Names, although instructors should advise their students beforehand if a name may be deemed offensive and therefore unacceptable.

Each time any team member wins an event (1st, 2nd, or 3rd place) that team is awarded points in the following manner:

First place = 3 points Second place = 2 points Third place = 1 point

Winning competitors must report to the Team table to have the points added to team score.

A scoreboard with team names and standings will be visible; a running tally kept and announced throughout the tournament to let teams know how many points they have.

Additional Details

- Each team must have 5 members
- A team entry sheet must be filled out.
- Entry fee of \$25.00 per team
- Schools may enter one or multiple teams
- Team members are responsible for reporting their points at the Team Event table
- Students will compete in their respective divisions as normal – the only twist is that team member will receive points.
- All competitors that win in events will still receive Tournament trophies regardless of Team participation by the competitor.
- The officials in the ring will NOT know if individual competitors are on a team. Nothing in the ring packages will indicate this, with no undue influence over official's objectiveness.
- If 2 competitors from the same team are in the same event, and they both take a trophy, all acquired points go to their team.
- There is no requirement for individual team members to enter all events

Some Team Tips and Strategies

***Having the same team members in the same events is allowed...
But you're better off if...***

- Spread your team across ranks and Division
 - This gives you more chances to gain points
- Avoid having team members who are competing in the same events and divisions.
 - This may lessen the opportunity to gain points
 - Compete against other teams, not your own
- Enter as many events as you are able
 - This provides more opportunities to gain points
 - If you entered 3 events, enter the 4th --- it's FREE

Impacts of Common Tournament Practices on Team Points

A Common Tournament Practice is the Tournament Director's or Head Judge's decision on how to deal with a particular event, usually done the same way in most tournaments

Common practices include, but are not limited to:

- Splitting rings when a large number of competitors have entered the event
- Moving a competitor up to the next available division
- Awarding multiple (duplicate) place trophies
 - if a tie cannot be broken
 - or the judges determine a tie is acceptable, and in the best interests of good sportsmanship

Split rings

- When an event is divided into separate rings
 - They become separate events
 - Trophies are awarded in each event
 - Team points are awarded in each event

Moving a competitor to a different event

- Lack of competition moves competitor to higher division
- Higher by experience (beginner moves to intermediate – same age range)
- Higher by age (moves up to the next age group, same experience level)
- Competitor automatically scores 1 point for team for original event
- May score additional points (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in new event
- Competitor does NOT have to move up – still gets 1 point
- Tournament Director may consult with competitor's Instructor
 - Age or gender may be a factor

Resolving Tied Scores in Events

- Tie scores are resolved in this order:
 - Remove the highest score
 - If still tied, remove the lowest score
 - If still tied, and event is **Kata** (empty hand or weapon)
 - Each competitor does a different Kata
 - If not known – may repeat same Kata
 - If still tied and event is **Breaking**
 - Judges decide based on difficulty of break
 - Leaving Tie in place
 - Judges have the discretion to leave tie in place
 - Both are awarded same place trophy
 - Both receive same points for their team
 - Ties in **Sparring** matches are resolved in overtime
 - First called point wins

Determining the Team Champions

The single team with the highest point total has won the competition. In the event of a tie in points, the first tie breaker will be deducting all points for 3rd place wins; the second tie breaker removes second place wins.

How to Participate

5 competitors form and name a team. The Team Champions entry is filled out and either mailed in advance with the \$25 team fee, or can be registered the day of the Tournament. Competitors then enter their individual events as normal using the separate individual tournament application form and fee schedule.